

## RECRUITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

**Position Title, Series and Grade:**

Milk Sampler-Tester, 3018  
MA 10 to MA 15

**Vacancy Number:**

05-01

**Salary:**

\$30,902 to \$68,319  
(Includes Locality Adjustment)  
(Salary Adjusted to Qualifications &  
Experience)

**Opening Date:**

01/19/05

**Closing Date:**

02/22/05

**Area of Consideration:**

All Candidates

**Duty Station:**

Carrollton, Texas

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**Primary Duties of Position:**

This position involves determining analysis of raw milk samples and finished milk products for butterfat, solids, protein, and other components through the operation of electronic equipment and other chemical methods. Traveling to dairy plants for the purpose of collecting and transporting dairy samples to laboratory for analysis. Unpacking and preparing samples in laboratory for testing. Completing any necessary paperwork and filing.

**Qualification Requirements:**

For Grade MA-10, applicant should have at least 2 years of general experience; for grade MA-11, applicant should have at least 2-1/2 years general experience; for MA -12, applicant should have at least 3 years general experience; for grade MA -13, applicant should have 3-1/2 years general experience and 1/2 year specialized experience; for MA grade 14, applicant should have 3 years general experience and 1 year specialized experience; for MA-15, applicants must have had 3 years of general experience and 1-1/2 years of specialized experience.

**General experience** is experience obtained in a laboratory or field environment in one of the physical sciences or a closely related discipline which provided some of the basic knowledge or skills involved in one or more of the following : (1) gathering, recording, and assembling scientific data; (2) using scientific instruments to measure degrees, weights, strengths, etc.; (3) setting up and operating test methods; and (4) evaluating quantitative data.

**Specialized experience** is experience performing technical work in one of the physical sciences, or a closely related field, such as experience as a laboratory technician when the work was performed in close association with a chemist or other physical scientists and provided the applicant with an intensive knowledge of scientific principles, methods, and techniques.

**Education** - Successfully completed studies in an accredited college or university above the high school level may be substitutes for general experience at the rate of 1 years of education (30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours) for 1 year of general experience up to a maximum of 3 years of education for 3 years of general experience. Only directly related semester hours or 18 quarter hours for 6 months of experience.

## **Evaluation Criteria:**

Eligible applicants will be evaluated against the following criteria to determine the best qualified:

- Ability to use scientific instruments to measure degrees, weights, and knowledgeable in the operation of electronic equipment and chemical methods in testing milk products.
- Ability to lift and carry coolers filled with ice and samples which weigh approximately 50 pounds.
- Ability to communicate orally and in writing.
- Knowledgeable in the use of PC programs such as word processors, spreadsheets, databases, and ability to use customized lab software.

## **Special Requirements:**

- Must be a U. S. Citizen
- Must have valid Texas Driver's License and good driving record.
- Medical Examination required.
- Males born after 12/31/59 must be registered with the selective service.
- Subject to satisfactory completion of one year probationary period.
- As a condition of employment, appropriate security clearance is required for this position.
- If you are applying for Veterans' Preference, you must submit the following proof of eligibility: (1) Five Point Preference: DD-214 for each period of service and (2) Ten Point Preference: DD-214 and Standard Form 15 (Application for 10-Point Veterans Preference) with documentary proof required, such as a current letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs dated within the last 12 months.

## **Application Procedures:**

Interested persons should contact Pat Clark, Southwest Marketing Order 126, by February 22, 2005, at 972/245-6060 and submit form OF-612, Optional Application for Federal Employment with a transcript and/or a resume and transcript to: Market Administrator's Office, P. O. Box 110939, Carrollton, Texas 75011-0939. Please respond to each of the listed Special Requirements and Evaluation Criteria limiting your response to no more than two pages per criteria.

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